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SUBJECT: Training Program for New Libyan Telecommunications System.

I called on the Minister of Communications at his office in Benghazi, August 18, at his request. Nasir Kizza referred to our previous conversation in Beida and told me that he had looked into the matter of adequate quarters to establish a training program for Libyans in connection with the new telecommunications system which had recently been installed by American engineers and with American financial assistance. He went on to say that he had consulted the Chief of Staff of the Libyan Army and discovered that the quarters which were desired for the training program were in fact under the control of the Libyan Army. They are an annex of Aziziyya Barracks known as "Giado" (not Gialo). The Minister informed me that he had explained to Brigadier Lateiwish the importance of the program and pointed out to him that these quarters were required for a "noble purpose". He asked the Army Chief of Staff to discuss the problem with the Minister of Defense and had received his promise to do so. The Minister added that he had proposed that the Army make available at least half of the accommodations which were now theirs at the Aziziyya Annex.

Comment: Perhaps at some stage it will be necessary for me to speak directly to the Minister of Defense about this problem. However, I shall be guided on this point by the advice of the Director of USOM/Libya and the Chief of MAAG/Libya.

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